

BULLET ENDS YOUNG MAN'S LIFE

Wilson S. Martin Was Found Dead In His Room This Morning, A Victim Of Self Destruction.

HIS DEATH CAUSES GREAT SADNESS

Wilson S. Martin, one of the best known and most popular young men of the city, killed himself near the midnight hour last night by shooting in his room at Mrs. Mary Abbott's on High street. He was found about 9 o'clock this morning by Bernard L. Martin, a cousin, who ordinarily occupies the same room, but who has been night clerk at the Marietta Hotel for the past several nights.

The dead boy had been more or less morose for some time and had several times mentioned to friends that he would end his life. Last night at 11:30 he was in the Marietta and when leaving remarked to his cousin that he was going home and to bed and that he did not care if he never got up.

No one in the house heard the shot, although Harry Abbott was sleeping in the next room. A noise was heard in the house about the time the shot was fired but it was attributed to another source. Martin was employed as clerk and driver at the Palace grocery and when he did not come to work on time this morning Bernard Martin, remembering the conversation of last night, started for the room to investigate.

He opened the door and saw his cousin lying on the bed, fully dressed and with a bullet hole through the head. He had evidently been sitting on the bed when he fired the shot and then fell backward. The weapon used was a thirty-two calibre revolver and the ball entered in the right temple and passed entirely through the head, emerging just above the left temple. The ball imbedded itself in a window sash and was scarcely battered.

Conor Amos viewed the remains and decided that an inquest was entirely unnecessary and that Martin had come to his death by his own hand. The remains were removed to the Musgrave morgue and will be taken to Kingwood for burial.

Wilson S. Martin was twenty-four years of age and the son of Dr. and Mrs. Walter S. Martin. He was born and raised in Kingwood and resided there until six or seven years ago when he came to this city. His father is now in Oklahoma. His mother still resides in Kingwood as do two brothers, Forest and Carl. Jess, Bernard L. and Arthur G. Martin and Mrs. Marion Fisher, of this city, are cousins.

Wilson Martin was very popular in Fairmont and was known to almost every one in the city, consequently his death came as a surprise to all and the many expressions of regret heard in all parts of the city to-day are manifestations of the esteem in which he was held. He was a member of Fairmont Aerie No. 552, Fraternal Order of Eagles, and had he lived would have been installed as an officer on Wednesday night, he having been elected to an office a few weeks since. Representatives of the order will accompany the remains to Kingwood to attend the funeral, which will probably be held Wednesday.

GUNBOAT

REMAINS FAITHFUL TO CAUSE OF MORALES AND IS READY FOR BOMBARDMENT.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—A special dispatch to the Herald from Puerto Plata, San Domingo, dated Sunday, says: "The Dominican gunboat Independence has remained faithful to the cause of President Morales and has delivered ammunition, money and forces to General Rodriguez. The Independence has now anchored off Puerto Plata, and her commander, Captain Cetrin, has demanded the surrender of the town to the legitimate government of President Morales within twenty-four hours; otherwise, he will bombard the town."

MOVE OUT STOCK

There are now taking an inventory of stock and getting ready for the slaughter sales, Jan. 1.

GOING AFTER SENATOR DEPEW'S SCALP

NEW YORK LEGISLATURE MAY ASK FOR HIS RESIGNATION ON WEDNESDAY.

SENATOR EDGAR T. BRACKETT WILL INTRODUCE RESOLUTION TO THAT EFFECT.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 1.—Unless Senator Edgar T. Brackett, of Saratoga, changes his mind by Wednesday a resolution will be presented, when the Senate meets on that day, demanding the resignation of Chauncey M. Depew as United States Senator from New York. If no other Senator presents the resolution Senator Brackett will introduce it. As far as can be learned no other member of the Senate intends to deprive Senator Brackett of his opportunity.

Senator Brackett declared his belief, a few weeks ago, that Senator Depew would come to see the wisdom of voluntarily resigning rather than run the risk of receiving an official request, backed by the entire Legislature, to surrender his seat. The Senator, however, has not as yet indicated to Governor Higgins his desire to retire from the Senate and it is therefore probable that Senator Brackett will introduce the resolution requesting him to resign.

BIG FIRE

THREE STORY BUSINESS BLOCK WAS DESTROYED LAST NIGHT—TWO FIREMEN OVERCOME.

BROCKTON, Mass., Jan. 1.—The city block, a three story brick structure, in the heart of the business section and containing the city theatre was gutted by a fire that started at 11 o'clock last night. The loss on building and contents is estimated at \$250,000.

It was the largest fire that Brockton has had since the burning of the rink about twelve years ago, when the first Congregational Church was also destroyed and several residences damaged. Aid was asked of Avon, Stoughton, Taunton, and Boston. Two firemen were overcome by smoke. The city theatre was saved by a huge fire wall which separated it from the stores in the building.

The occupants of the city block on the first floor were: A. W. Shaw, provisions, loss estimated at \$30,000; Peasebaker & Company, clothing and furnishings, loss about \$60,000.

On the second floor were a number of smaller stores and offices, and the upper floor was used by secret societies as lodge rooms. A number of adjoining buildings suffered from water and smoke.

GOVERNOR PEREZ HAS SURRENDERED

To the Revolutionists—A Dominican Cruiser Has Given In to General Deschamps.

TURKS ISLAND, Bahamas, West Indies, Jan. 1.—Mail advises from Montecristi, Santo Domingo, says that General Perez, Governor of Puerto Plata has surrendered to the revolutionists in Monte Cristo. They also say that the Dominican cruiser Independence loaded with ammunition has been given up to General Deschamps, who, with General Demerillo and Rodriguez, is now for Puerto Plata.

WHITE HOUSE GUESTS WERE NUMEROUS TO-DAY

OFFICIAL WASHINGTON WAS IN LINE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 1.—Statesmen and diplomats, soldiers and sailors, office holders and office seekers, and the plain people who hold no public places and are seeking none, all gathered at the White House to-day to pay their respects to President and Mrs. Roosevelt. The doors of the historic mansion were thrown open at 11 o'clock and for three hours the living stream of well-wishing citizens poured in through the marble corridors and filed past the President and his lady in the beautiful blue parlor.

To-day's reception was one of the most brilliant in history. Among other features was a real vice president—a dignitary not seen at a similar celebration for eight years. Vice President Hobart was the last one of that rank to participate until to-day when Mr. Fairbanks took his place at the head of the cabinet line. Mrs. Fairbanks ranked the ladies of the cabinet circle at Mrs. Roosevelt's right hand and Miss Alice Roosevelt, whom every one wished to see and congratulate, was beheld of all beholders in the dense crowd of girls gathered in the green room. There were several new places in the diplomatic corps. Baron Rosen-replaced Count Cassini, and instead of being at the front of the foreign contingent as was the case last year the Russian representative was sixth, or next to last in the ambassadorial list. Japan had no minister in the line as Baron Aoki, the newly selected representative of the Mikado, has not yet arrived.

The decorations of the White House and the general arrangements of details were practically the same as those of a year ago. The scarlet coated marine band of sixty pieces, led by Lieutenant Santelmann, was stationed in the marble vestibule. Rare palms and ferns from corner niches, waved from the great rectangular marble boxes between the vestibule and corridor, cut flowers in vases lent color and fragrance in every room.

Before nine o'clock a line of patient citizens began forming outside the grounds below the western front gate and by noon had grown several squares in length.

"The Napoleon clock," in the blue room, had scarcely done chiming the hour of eleven, before two trumpeters, stationed at the foot of the marble staircase, leading from the upper

story of the mansion, heralded the approach of the President. Preceded by his military and naval aides, the President came down the steps as the last notes of the trumpets died away. Mrs. Roosevelt smiling happily to the right and left was leaning upon his arm, and immediately behind the first lady and gentleman of the land appeared Vice President and Mrs. Fairbanks, Secretary of State and Mrs. Root and the remainder of the cabinet in their order of precedence.

Following the time-honored custom, the members of the diplomatic corps were the first to wish the President the compliments of the season. In the lead came, Mr. Ladislaus Hengelmüller von Hengervar, Ambassador from Austria-Hungary. Baron Edmonde Mayor Des Planches, the Italian Ambassador, ranks the Ambassadors but he is absent at present. Ambassador Hengelmüller wore a resplendent uniform. Over his rich, brocade coat of black satin, the front of which was almost covered by glittering orders fell a cloak of red velvet trimmed with sable. The cloak was caught at one shoulder with a magnificent clasp, matching in design the buckle at his belt. Top boots, a spur, a hat with a band of sale and bearing a white aigrette, completed his striking costume.

One of the quietest looking gentlemen of the foreign assemblage was Mr. Hauge, the first minister from Norway.

The only gold about his dress was that upon his cuffs and collar and the single row of buttons down his front. As upon former years the Chinese minister, in his flowing robes of sky-blue, claimed perhaps the most attention of any in the line. Sir Chentung Liang Cheng's heroic proportions set off to splendid advantage every inch of silk and gold he wore, and his never falling urbanity and ready smile go far towards making his one of the most popular members of the corps.

After the diplomats in their order came the members of the Supreme Court, the statesmen from Congress, the officers of the army and the navy and the various officials of the government, the patriotic societies, the commissioners of this, that and the other special departments; the officials of the District of Columbia and the thousands of every day people who had been waiting for hours for a chance to hold President Roosevelt's hand for the fraction of a second.

A BLUE DAY FOR MIDDIES

ADMIRAL SANDS HAS SOME PRETTY BITTER MEDICINE IN STORE FOR FIRST CLASS MEN.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Jan. 1.—This is the gloomiest New Year's day the Naval Academy Brigade of midshipmen has seen in many a year. The shining sun and brilliant winter sky are present in nearly every upper classman's mind. To talk with the midshipmen, the most significant note heard is the frank admission "we have all hazed. I hope the board won't catch me." The first class is in the toughest hole a naval academy class ever faced on the eve of graduation.

Admiral Sands' plan of campaign is said to be the crucifixion of a platoon or so of first classmen, the lords of academic creation as an everlasting, horrible example to succeeding generations of midshipmen of what are the consequences of hazing. An informal meeting of first classmen is said to have been held outside the academy walls last evening. Measures for protection were discussed, the most popular being that each member send a letter to the superintendent confessing that he had hazed. No agreement was reached, the sounder counsel prevailing that such procedure would smack of mutiny and conspiracy and would be stamped out by the authorities at no matter what cost.

ment, but the second class not to be enticed into such a perilous programme. Some idea of the rigor of the investigation may be understood by the method followed by the board. Each plebe is given a list of the upper classmen and told to check off the names of all who have ever spoken to him. This he does under oath. Then he tries to remember everything these men have said and done to him. The oath requires a full statement on peril of summary dismissal. The "black list" is the name given by the middies to the roster under preparation by the board of investigation.

RECORD BREAKER

On Stock Exchange Was the Year Just Closed.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—The year has been a record breaking one on the Stock Exchange. The total transactions in listed stocks were 211,859,800 shares as compared with 157,275,413 in 1904, while the total transactions in unlisted stocks were 48,860,457 shares as compared with 29,017,302 in 1904.

THE WEATHER

Snow To-Morrow.

M'CALL

Resignation Was Handed In Before A Full Meeting of Directors Held.

ANNOUNCEMENT MADE

FITZSIMMONS BRINGS SUIT FOR \$100,000

EX-PUGILIST FEELS HIS AFFECTIONS SERIOUSLY DAMAGED BY WIFE'S ALIENATION.

SUIT IS BROUGHT AGAINST CHARLES J. S. MILLER, MAYOR OF SCRANTON, PA.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—Bob Fitzsimmons has engaged a lawyer, it is said, to begin suit in Scranton, Pa., against Mayor Charles J. S. Miller, for \$100,000, for alienating his wife's affections.

Leon Friedman, manager of the pugilist who simultaneously lost a wife and the light heavy weight championship, returned to New York yesterday from Pennsylvania where he has been collecting evidence and arranging for the engagement of counsel.

"I have engaged Colonel Frank Fitzsimmons, of Scranton," said Mr. Friedman. "He is one of the best lawyers in that part of the country and he thinks that we have a good case against this mayor. However, it's not the money Fitzsimmons wants—it's the vindication. A month ago you couldn't have bought his love for \$3,000,000."

"I believe that story of her being in Dakota is a fake. I have good reason to think she is visiting her mother in Corwith, Iowa."

WHISKEY

AGAIN LEADS TO A MOST UNFORTUNATE AFFAIR—EBENEZER VANDEGRIFT FATALITY INCURRED.

From present indications, Marion county will have another murder to her record. Ebenezer Vandegrift was shot and, perhaps fatally wounded by Mac Vandegrift, his brother.

No one was present at the fray, so details are necessarily few and meagre. The victim of the shooting was brought to the Miners' Hospital this afternoon and the brother accompanied him. Ebenezer has volunteered no information on the affair.

Mac claims that they were scuffling for the possession of the revolver when it was accidentally discharged, and that it was in his brother's hand when it happened. The ball entered the center of the back and physicians who were called failed to locate it and the supposition is that it lodged in or near the lungs.

It would seem that death is inevitable. Prosecuting Attorney Lowe and Deputy Sheriff Forbes met the train and after letting the suspicious circumstances surrounding the shooting, placed Mac under arrest. He seemed much worried over the condition of his brother and was under great mental strain.

Both young men, both in the neighborhood of thirty, were drinking last night all by themselves in an isolated spot when the shooting occurred. Mac had been drinking all day while Ebenezer had worked during the day. Both are frequent visitors to Fairmont and are known by many citizens. They are employees of the Powell Coal Company. The time for the hearing of the prisoner has not been set.

Andy Gleson is Dan Gleson's brother, who had a gun with him when he was shot. He is not a member of the Powell Coal Company.

NEW NAME

WESTERN MARYLAND IS NOW NAME OF FORMER WEST VIRGINIA CENTRAL & PITTSBURG.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Jan. 1.—To-day the West Virginia Central and Pittsburgh railway ceases to exist—as a name. Hereafter the system which has been known under that title, but which has been absorbed by the Western Maryland, will be known under the latter name. The plans of the Gould officials for the last 150 miles extension of the Western Maryland system, other to Wheeling or Pittsburg will be made soon it was announced here yesterday. As the several surveys for the lines are mapped out and the financial plans are complete. It was admitted that the Cumberland valley will not be completed until many years, owing to unexpected construction.

Several of the trustees opposed the acceptance of the resignation but it was made plain that Mr. McCall would abide by his resignation. Mr. McCall, it is understood, plans to go away for a long rest.

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